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### 1. CONGRESSIONAL FOREIGN POLICY OUTLOOK FOR JULY

AS WE FIGHT OUR WAY THROUGH THE FOREIGN POLICY LEGISLATIVE  
MENU FOR JULY, SOME CRITICAL ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED:

--WHETHER WE CAN AVOID TRULY CRIPPLING CUTS IN FOREIGN  
ASSISTANCE FUNDING LEVELS;

--WHETHER WE CAN LIFT THE TURKISH EMBARGO;

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--WHETHER WE CAN STAVE OFF FURTHER HOBBLING CONSTRAINTS  
AND FREE OURSELVES OF SOME NOW IN THE BOOKS.

THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION WILL PROBABLY COME UP  
IN THE HOUSE DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 17. IT WAS POSTPONED  
TO AVERT DISASTER IN JUNE. MAJOR ISSUES ARE: (A) FUNDING  
LEVELS, AND (B) PROHIBITIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES AND

COMMODITIES. MEMBERS WILL TRY TO FIND WAYS TO GET AT THE CUBANS -IN-AFRICA ISSUE. WE CAN EXPECT THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE TO RESTORE SOME HOUSE CUTS AND TO REMOVE SOME RESTRICTIONS, BUT CHAIRMAN INOUE FEELS HE

MUST GO TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH A BILL WHICH WILL NOT TRIGGER EXTENDED DEBATE.

THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION IS EXPECTED TO BE BEFORE THE SENATE DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 17 AND BEFORE THE HOUSE THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE WILL BE THE TURKISH EMBARGO. A WIN ON THIS IN THE SENATE SHOULD HELP PROSPECTS IN THE HOUSE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS). MOST OF OUR EFFORT TO ELIMINATE EXISTING CONSTRAINTS AND RESIST NEW ONES WILL BE FOCUSED ON THIS LEGISLATION.

THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL FLOOR ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE. THE SENATE VERSION INCLUDES PROHIBITIONS ON AID TO COUNTRIES HARBORING TERRORISTS AND GROSS VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WILL TRY TO MODIFY THESE AND SOME OTHER CONSTRAINING PROVISIONS.

STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED BY ABOUT JULY 20. THE SENATE REMOVED THE QUOTE HIGH ONE END QUOTE RETIREMENT PROVISION, AND WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUSTAINED IN CONFERENCE. OTHER TECHNICAL MATTERS WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE RESOLVED. WE SUCCEEDED IN BLOCKING SEVERAL POTENTIALLY DAMAGING AMENDMENTS DURING SENATE DEBATE LAST WEDNESDAY, BUT WILL HAVE TO WORK IN CONFERENCE TO DEFEAT THE SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CLOSURE OF THE INTERESTS SECTION IN CUBA.

THE THREE FLOOR BATTLES WE FACE WILL BE PARTS OF A SINGLE BRAWL AS MEMBERS REACT TO PROPOSITION 13, AND TRY TO MAKE HAY IN AN ELECTION YEAR BY BEING TOUGH ON CUBANS AND RUSSIANS.

## 2. U.S. EXPORT POLICY

U.S. EXPORT POLICY WILL ALSO COME UNDER CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY DURING JULY. THE CENTRAL ISSUE IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH EXPORT PROMOTION SHOULD BE CONDITIONED BY FACTORS SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ENVIRONMENT, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROTECTIONISM.

--THE EXIM BANK AUTHORIZATION BILL MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE IN LATE JULY. A SERIES OF AMEND-

MENTS, MOST OF WHICH WE OPPOSE AS RESTRICTING EXPORTS AND THE FLEXIBILITY OF OUR POLICY, WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH.

--THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT WILL HOLD HEARINGS THE WEEK OF JULY 10 ON THE APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT TO

--THE HOUSE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS JULY 13 ON THE EXPORT OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS (REP. ROSENTHAL).

### 3. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION - SENATE FLOOR ACTION

THE VOTES ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONDAY SURPRISED MANY MEMBERS WHO THOUGHT THERE HAD BEEN AN AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE ALL VOTES UNTIL TUESDAY AND CAUGHT SUCH AID STALWARTS AS JAVITS, PERCY AND CLARK OUT OF TOWN.

PRIOR TO FINAL PASSAGE (40-30) THE SENATE VOTED AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUT TO 5 PERCENT (57-22) AND:

--MODIFIED TWO HELMS AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED TRADE AND DIRECT OR INDIRECT AID EITHER TO UGANDA, CUBA, CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM SPECIFICALLY, OR TO COUNTRIES PRACTICING OR ASSISTING IN TERRORISM OR PROVIDING SUPPORT OR REFUGE TO TERRORISTS BY DELETING REFERENCES TO TRADE AND INDIRECT AID;

--PROHIBITED USE OF THESE FUNDS FOR THE UN (BUT DID NOT DELETE THE FUNDS REQUESTED);

--PROVIDED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL REPORT ON STEPS TAKEN TO ESTABLISH AN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION;

--ADOPTED A CASE AMENDMENT ADDING 5 MILLION DOLLARS TO CONTROL LOCUST PLAGUES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA;

--ADOPTED A SPARKMAN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR NOTICE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE SFRC, THE HIRC AND THE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE 30 DAYS BEFORE EXECUTING AGREEMENTS PROVIDING DEBT RELIEF FOR OBLIGATIONS OWED TO THE U.S.;

--EASED THE FOOD-FOR-PEACE OPERATION BUT REQUIRED A PRESIDENTIAL STUDY AS TO HOW THE PROGRAM COULD BE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY.

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THE LEVEL OF FUNDING AUTHORIZED IS ABOUT THE SAME AS IN THE HOUSE AUTHORIZATION, BUT THE MIX IS QUITE DIFFERENT. THE INCREASE OVER THE LAST YEAR'S AUTHORIZATION IS ABOUT EQUAL TO THE INFLATION FACTOR.

THE UNU AMENDMET WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT DEBATE WHEN AGREE-  
MENT WAS REACHED NOT TO CUT THE FUNDS AND TO AVOID A ROLL

CALL VOTE.

#### 4. SENATE RATIFIES US-UK TAX TREATY WITH CHURCH RESERVA- TION

AS EXPECTED, THE SENATE OV:RWHELMINGLY RATIFIED THE US-UK TAX TREATY TUESDAY, 82-5. THIS REVERSED THE ACTION OF LAST FRIDAY WHEN THE TREATY FAILED BY FIVE VOTES TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. THE PRICE FOR OBTAINING RECONSIDERATION OF THE TREATY WAS INCLUSION OF THE CHURCH RESERVATION TO SECTION 9(4), REQUIRING THAT STATES IN THE US USE AN QUOTE ARMS LENGTH UNQUOTE METHOD OF COMPUTING INCOME OF UK CORPORATIONS RATHER THAN A QUOTE UNITARY TAXATION SYSTEM UNQUOTE FAVORED BY SOME STATES.

#### 5. SENATE APPROVES US-HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

WITHOUT DEBATE, THE SENATE APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE TUESDAY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF MOST-FAVORED NATION (MFN) TARIFF TREATMENT TO HUNGARY. THIS WAS THE FINAL ACTION REQUIRED OF THE CONGRESS UNDER THE TRADE ACT PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF OUR NEW TRADE AGREE-  
MENT WITH HUNGARY. WE EXPECT TO PUT THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

#### 6. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

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THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY COMPLETED MARKUP OF A BILL TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS WHICH INCLUDES:

--AUTHORIZATION OF 6 TO 25 AGRICULTURAL TRADE OFFICES  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;

--ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COUNSELORS OVERSEAS;

--AUTHORIZATION OF 3-10 YEAR CREDIT TERMS FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FINANCED BY CCC'

--AUTHORIZATION OF CCC CREDITS OF UP TO THREE YEARS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AMENDING JACKSON/VANIK--BUT NO EX-EMPTION FOR THE SOVIET UNION IS MADE;

--ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS.

THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE IS IN THE FINAL PHASES OF MARKUP OF A SIMILAR BILL AND THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL MOVE IN THE SAME DIRECTION SOON. ONE ISSUE WHICH BOTH OF THESE COMMITTEES ARE WRESTLING WITH IS

ESTABLISH INTERMEDIATE CCC CREDITS AND :XTEND THESE CREDITS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN SOME FASHION. CHINA IS THE MAIN TARGET. IF THE NECESSARY PRICE IS TO EXCLUDE THE SOVIET UNION FROM THESE BENEFITS, THE COMMITTEES ARE PREPARED TO ACT.

#### 7. MIDDLE EAST HEARING

ROY ATHERTON AND HAL SAUNDERS APPEARED BEFORE SENATOR STONE'S SFRC SUBCOMMITTEE WEDNESDAY QUOTE TO EXPLORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST END QUOTE. IT WAS ALSO USED BY CASE AND SARBANES TO VOICE AT LENGTH THEIR CRITICISM OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS. THEIR BASIC COMPLAINT WAS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN PUBLICLY CRITICIZING ONLY ISRAEL, BUT HAS NOT CRITICIZED THE SADAT SPEECH IN WHICH THE WAR OPTION WAS MENTIONED OR ARAFAT'S REJECTIONIST COMMENTS, AND HAS NOT PRESSED SADAT FOR ANY CONCESSIONS. CASE SOUGHT TO GET TH: UNITED STATES OUT OF THE ACT ALTOGETHER AND LEAVE THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE ISRAELIS AND THE EGYPTIANS. ATHERTON AND SAUNDERS MADE THE POINT AMONG OTHERS THAT LAST YEAR'S MAJOR EFFORT WAS TO OVERCOME ARAB REJECTION OF NORMALIZATION, WHEREAS THE PRINCIPAL CURRENT ISSUE IS ISRAEL'S INTERPRETATION OF UNSC RESOLUTION 242. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE BEEN PESSING EGYPT TO COME FORTH WITH ITS VIEWS ON THE WEST BANK/GAZA AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE WERE PESSING ISRAEL FOR ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS ON THE BEGIN PLAN.

STONE ASKED ABOUT HARROP'S STATEMENT THAT THE PLO IS NOT A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. ATHERTON DESCRIBED OUR VIEW OF THE PLO AND STONE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS RESPONSE

AS WELL AS WITH THE HEARING GENERALLY.

ALTHOUGH THE SESSION GAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CASE AND SARBANES TO VENT THEIR FRUSTRATIONS PUBLICLY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS, IT ALSO PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ON THE RECORD THE NATURE OF THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE, THE CURRENT STATUS OF OUR PEACE EFFORTS AND OF THE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, AND A REITERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

#### 8. EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY HEARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TESTIMONY FROM SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN AND GENERALS JONES AND HAIG ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS. IN THE OPEN SESSION CHAIRMAN STENNIS AND SENATOR TOWER MADE

STRONG INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION WHILE SENATORS CANNON AND NUNN, THROUGH THEIR QUESTIONING, DEVELOPED A STRONG RECORD IN FAVOR OF LIFTING THE TURKISH EMBARGO.

CONGRESS BEGINS A TEN-DAY RECESS JUNE 30 AND THERE IS CERTAIN TO BE SOME FALL OFF IN OUR SUPPORT. THE OVERALL TREND IS POSITIVE, HOWEVER, AND DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 10 WE PLAN TO REINSTITUTE OUR BRIEFING PROGRAM.

#### 9. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUTHORIZATION PASSED IN SENATE 64-17

THE SENATE JUNE 28 PASSED THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUTHORIZATION BILL (S. 3076) WHICH CONTAINS AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AGENCY AND THE BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING.

MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL:

--A GLENN SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO THE CLARK TREATY POWERS AMENDMENT, WHICH EXPRESSED THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT, QUOTE IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PARTICULAR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT OR AS A TREATY, THE PRESIDENT SHOULD, PRIOR TO AND DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF SUCH AGREEMENT, SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, END QUOTE PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE AFTER A CASE AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD HAVE TRIGGERED SANCTIONS ONLY IF THE EXECUTIVE FAILED TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF CONGRESS, WAS DEFEATED ON A RECORDED VOTE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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48-41. DURING FLOOR DEBATE SEVERAL SENATORS CITED ADMINISTRATION ASSURANCES THAT A SALT AGREEMENT WOULD BE SUBMITTED AS A TREATY AS HAVING BEEN DECISIVE TO THEIR VOTES.

--A BARTLETT AMENDMENT WHICH EXPRESSED THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL CUBAN MILITARY FORCES ARE REMOVED FROM AFRICA, THE PRESIDENT SHOULD:

(A) RECALL THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION FROM CUBA AND EXPEL THE CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION FROM THE U.S.

(B) DENY ANY LICENSE FOR TRADE WITH OR EXPORT TO CUBA, UNDER THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969;

(C) REVERSE ANY OTHER ACTION TOWARDS THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS; AND

(D) DEFER ANY FURTHER OFFICIAL ACTIONS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

THE AMENDMENT PASSED ON A RECORDED VOTE, 53-29, AFTER A MCGOVERN MOTION TO TABLE IT WAS DEFEATED, 55-33. WHILE WE WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO MODIFY THIS AMENDMENT IN CONFERENCE, THERE IS A CLEAR SENSE THAT SOME MEASURE WILL BE ADOPTED WHICH IS DIRECTED AT THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA.

--A DOLE AMENDMENT, WHICH STIPULATES THAT NONE OF THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED MAY BE USED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA WHILE CUBAN MILITARY FORCES REMAIN IN ANGOLA, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES TO CONGRESS THAT TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE.

--A CASE AMENDMENT, STATING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT:

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(A) ASSIST THE PEACE PROCESS IN RHODESIA;

(B) GIVE SERIOUS AND IMPARTIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT; AND

(C) WORK TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ENSURING QUOTE AN ORDERLY TRANSITION TO GENUINE MAJORITY RULE, AND THE

ENDURING PROTECTION OF MINORITY RIGHTS, END QUOTE PASSED  
ON A VOICE VOTE.

--A DOLE AMENDMENT ON UGANDA, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE  
SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT:

(A) PROHIBIT THE EXPORT OF MILITARY, PARAMILITARY AND  
POLICE EQUIPMENT TO UGANDA;

(B) INSTRUCT THE APPROPRIATE CONSULAR OFFICER NOT TO  
APPROVE ANY VISA APPLICATION FOR ANY UGANDAN OFFICIAL  
OR EMPLOYEE FOR TRAINING IN THE U.S. WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW  
OF THE APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL;

(C) INSTRUCT OUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN TO  
SUBMIT A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO,  
PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

--A BYRD AMENDMENT, STRIKING A PROVISION WHICH SOUGHT A  
REVISED LEND-LEASE DEBT SETTLEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION  
SO THAT PART OF THE 674 MILLION DOLLAR DEBT COULD BE PAID  
INTO A SPECIAL RUBLE ACCOUNT TO SUPPORT AN EXPANSION OF  
EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER EXCHANGES, WAS PASSED 77-  
14.

--A HELMS AMENDMENT, WHICH SOUGHT TO LIFT U.S. SANCTIONS  
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AGAINST RHODESIA FOR 15 MONTHS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE INTER-  
NAL STABILITY DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD, WAS TABLED,  
48-42.

--A MOYNIHAN AMENDMENT REDUCING THAT PORTION OF U.S. CON-  
TRIBUTIONS TO THE UN WHICH GO TO THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS  
COMMITTEE, WAS PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE.

--A BYRD AMENDMENT PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR AID OR  
REPARATIONS TO VIETNAM PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE.

--A DOMENICI AMENDMENT TO SECTION 404 (DEALING WITH  
INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTIC FREEDOM), EXPRESSING THE SENSE  
OF THE CONGRESS THAT IT CONDEMNS AND PROFOUNDLY REGRETS  
THE SOVIET DETENTION OF CRAIG WHITNEY (NEW YORK TIMES)  
AND HAL PIPER (BALTIMORE SUN) AS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE  
FREE FLOW OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE  
SPIRIT OF DETENTE AND THE CONTINUED SEARCH FOR PEACE  
THROUGH A SALT II AGREEMENT, PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE.

--A DOLE AMENDMENT, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE  
THAT ALL VOA BROADCASTS SHOULD BE QUOTE WITHOUT REGARD

TO ANY POLICIES OF DISTORTING THE TRUTH, INCLUDING CENSORSHIP, OF GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS END QUOTE (I.E. NO SELF-CENSORSHIP OF VOA BROADCASTS TO EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION), PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE.

SENATOR MCGOVERN, THE FLOOR MANAGER OF THE BILL, SPONSORED A SERIES OF HOUSE-KEEPING AMENDMENTS, PASSED BY VOICE VOTES, WHICH INCLUDED:

--CHANGING THE NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AGENCY (ICA) TO THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AGENCY (USICA);

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--AUTHORIZING 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR A COMMISSION ON GLOBAL HUNGER;

--STRIKING SECTION 132--THE QUOTE HIGH ONE END QUOTE RETIREMENT PROVISION;

--REVISING THE FOREIGN GIFTS AND DECORATIONS ACT TO MAKE IT APPLICABLE TO THE SENATE.

THE PELL AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS INSERTED INTO THE FY 78 STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL AND WHICH WILL GO INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 1978 UNLESS REPEALED OR OTHERWISE MODIFIED, WAS NOT TOUCHED BY THE SENATE. TH: HOUSE, HOWEVER, HAS APPROVED A HIRC MOTION TO REPEAL THE AMENDMENT IN ITS VERSION OF THE AUTHORIZATION BILL, AS WELL AS A PROVISION

AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTY REQUIRED OF FSO'S AND FSIO'S. WHILE THE CONFERENCE OUTCOME IS UNCERTAIN, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CONGRESS WILL RETAIN THE PELL AMENDMENT BUT ENACT THE SPECIAL ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY. CURRENT TIMING FOR THE CONFERENCE IS FOR LATE JULY.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE

DOUG BENNET AND MARK SCHNEIDER TESTIFIED JUNE 29 ON THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION WITH REGARD TO LEGISLATION TO CREATE A HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE. AS A RESULT OF SENATE RULES, THE HEARING WAS TERMINATED AFTER ONLY 15 MINUTES.

B:NNET INDICATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WELCOMED THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE LEGISLATION, BUT HAD SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT SOME PROVISIONS IN THE BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION  
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THOUGH THE DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARED TO WORK WITH PELL AND  
THE COMMITTEE TO TRY TO DEAL WITH POTENTIAL PROBLEMS--PAR-  
TICULARLY TO ENSURE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE INSTITUTE. VANCE

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